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Monsanto Bt Corn Application Approved

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Report Highlights:

The application by Monsanto Philippines, Inc. to commercially propagate Bt corn in the Philippines has been approved by the Bureau of Plant Industry (BPI), December 5, 2002.

The application to commercially propagate Bt corn (YieldGard) by Monsanto Philippines, Inc. has been approved by the Philippine Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Plant Industry (BPI). The application and the issuance of commercialization certificate and the importation permit for the Bt corn seeds were signed today, December 5, 2002, by BPI Director Blo Adiong. The Monsanto application is the first-ever application to propagate a GM plant in the Philippines (refer to RP2063).